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To: Subst. House Bill No. **5324**

File No. 624

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***"AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSETS
THAT MAY BE RETAINED BY THE SPOUSE OF AN
INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSON."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this
4 section:

5 (1) "Institutionalized spouse" has the same meaning as provided in
6 42 USC 1396r-5(h)(1).

7 (2) "Community spouse" has the same meaning as provided in 42
8 USC 1396r-5(h)(2).

9 (3) "Minimum community spouse protected amount" means the
10 minimum amount of assets a community spouse of an institutionalized
11 spouse may keep pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5(f)(2).

12 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
13 state plan in accordance with federal law to set the minimum
14 community spouse protected amount at fifty thousand dollars.

15 (c) Not later than July 1, 2015, the commissioner shall report on the
16 fiscal impact of the minimum community spouse protected amount, in
17 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
18 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
19 cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations
20 and the budgets of state agencies. Such report shall include, but not be
21 limited to: (1) The number of community spouses who were able to
22 keep additional assets as a result of the increase in the minimum
23 community spouse protected amount pursuant to subsection (b) of this
24 section; and (2) the cost to the state of increasing said amount.

25 (d) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
26 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
27 provisions of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2015	New section